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SUBJECT: NASA LUNAR SAMPLE SECURITY TEAM VISIT

1. AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING EFFORT TO ADVISE LUNAR SAMPLE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND THEIR NATIONAL SPONSORING AGENCIES ON METHODS FOR HANDLING AND SAFEGUARDING SAMPLES, NASA IS SENDING TWO-MAN TEAM TO VISIT LABORATORY OF MEXICAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR DR. ROMAN ALVAREZ, INSTITUTO DE GEOFISICA, UNAM JULY 15-16 TO REVIEW SAMPLE SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT, CONDUCT RANDOM SAMPLE INVENTORY CHECK, AND BE AVAILABLE TO ADVISE HOW HANDLING AND SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES COULD BE IMPROVED, IF NECESSARY.

2. NASA CONTACTED NATIONAL SPONSORING AGENCY, CONACYT JUNE 10 TO REQUEST OPPORTUNITY FOR TEAM TO MEET WITH AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR VISIT TO ALVAREZ AND HAS RECEIVED POSITIVE RESPONSE. SIMILARLY, NASA TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEF MEETING WITH SCIATT IN AM JULY 15 TO BRIEF POST ON PURPOSE OF VISIT, REVIEW POST'S ROLE IN TRANSMITTING SAMPLES, AND INVITE ACCOMPANIMENT ON VISITS TO CONACYT AND UNAM.
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3. REQUEST POST IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AVAILABLE
TO MEET WITH NASA TEAM JULY 15. TEAM MEMBERS ARE MR. JOHN

HARRIS, OFFICE OF THE LUNAR SAMPLE CURATOR, AND MR. GENE
BENJAMIN, SECURITY OFFICE, JOHNSON SPACE CENTER. KISSINGER

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